

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

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24. (New) An internet-based method of executing a transaction involving a transfer of an interest in a property asset from a first party to a second party, the method comprising:

(a) receiving at a computer system of the first party, from the second party via the internet, first information regarding a nature of the property asset;

(b) obtaining at the computer system second information regarding at least one restriction concerning the property asset;

(c) providing a proposed agreement onto the internet regarding the transfer of the interest in the property asset from the first party to the second party, wherein the agreement is reflective of the at least one restriction concerning the property asset; and

(d) receiving an indication of acceptance of the proposed agreement by the second party,

whereby the transaction involving the transfer of the interest in the property asset between the first and second parties is executed.

25. (New) The internet-based method of claim 24, wherein the property asset is an intellectual property asset.

26. (New) The internet-based method of claim 25, wherein the first party is an intellectual property investment bank that owns the interest in the property asset prior to the transaction being executed.

27. (New) The internet-based method of claim 25, wherein the proposed agreement is at least partly generated in an automatic manner.

28. (New) The internet-based method of claim 25, wherein the property asset is a patent.

29. (New) The internet-based method of claim 28, wherein the first information regarding the patent includes at least one of a patent number, a filing date of the patent, an issue date of the patent, a technical subject matter of the patent, and a market with respect to which the patent is applicable.

30. (New) The internet-based method of claim 28, wherein the second information includes at least one of: an indication of whether the second party wishes to fully purchase the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to license the patent; and indication of whether the second party wishes to receive an exclusive license to the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to receive a nonexclusive license to the patent; an indication of a time period during which the second party wishes to license the patent; an indication of a geographical region with respect to which the second party wishes to license the patent; an indication of whether there are limitations on sublicensing of the patent by the second party; an indication of whether there is a field of use restriction in relation to licensing of the patent; an indication of a royalty rate pertinent to licensing of the patent; and an indication confirming ownership of the property asset by the first party.

31. (New) The internet-base method of claim 30, wherein the second information is received off of the internet at the computer system.

32. (New) The internet-based method of claim 24, further comprising:
receiving at the computer system, via the internet, third information regarding a bid price for the interest in the property asset.

33. (New) The internet-based method of claim 24, further comprising, prior to (a):
receiving at the computer system, from the internet, at least one of the first information and third information regarding the nature of the property asset;
providing an additional proposed agreement onto the internet regarding an additional transfer of at least one of the interest in the property asset and an additional interest in the property asset; and
receiving an indication of acceptance of the proposed agreement by a third party,
whereby an additional transaction involving the property asset is executed between the first and third parties, so that the first party obtains the interest in the property asset that is subsequently transferred to the second party.

34. (New) The internet-based method of claim 24, wherein the property asset is a real property asset.

35. (New) A method of facilitating a transfer of a first interest in an intellectual property asset between first and second parties by way of a third party that is an intellectual property investment bank ("IPIB"), the method comprising:

transferring a second interest in the intellectual property asset from the first party to the IPIB by concluding a first agreement between the first party and the IPIB, wherein due to the transferring of the second interest the IPIB obtains at least one of an ownership stake in the intellectual property asset and a license to the intellectual property asset; and

transferring the first interest in the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the second party by concluding a second agreement between the second party and the IPIB, wherein the second interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest,

wherein each of the first and second agreements is at least partly generated in an automatic manner based upon information received by the third party from the first and second parties.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the IPIB generates and provides at least one of the first and second agreements to at least one of the first and second parties via the internet.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising, prior to the transferring of the second interest:

receiving first information at the IPIB from the first party concerning a nature of the intellectual property asset; and

receiving second information at the IPIB from the first party concerning a requirement of the first party in relation to any transfer pertaining to the intellectual property asset.

38. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising, subsequent to the transferring of the second interest but prior to the transferring of the first interest:

receiving first information at the IPIB from the second party concerning a desired nature of the intellectual property asset; and

receiving second information at the IPIB from the second party concerning a restriction of the second party in relation to any transfer pertaining to the intellectual property asset.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the intellectual property asset is a patent.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the first information regarding the patent includes at least one of a patent number, a filing date of the patent, an issue date of the patent, a technical subject matter of the patent, and a market with respect to which the patent is applicable.

41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the second information includes at least one of: an indication of whether the second party wishes to fully purchase the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to license the patent; and indication of whether the second party wishes to receive an exclusive license to the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to receive a nonexclusive license to the patent; an indication of a time period during which the second party wishes to license the patent; an indication of a geographical region with respect to which the second party wishes to license the patent; an indication of whether there are limitations on sublicensing of the patent by the second party; an indication of whether there is a field of use restriction in relation to licensing of the patent; an indication of a royalty rate pertinent to licensing of the patent; and an indication confirming ownership of the property asset by the first party.

42. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein a computer system of the IPIB is configured to conduct communications with computer systems associated with each of

the first and second parties by way of the internet, and wherein the computer system of the IPIB performs processing based upon the first information.

43. (New) A method of facilitating a transfer of a first interest in an intellectual property between first and second parties by way of a third party that is an intellectual property investment bank (IPIB) and a fourth party that is an intellectual property exchange, the method comprising at least one of (a) and (b) as follows:

(a) (i) transferring a second interest in the intellectual property asset from the first party to the IPIB so that the IPIB obtains the second interest in the intellectual property asset, wherein the second interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest;

(ii) providing first information regarding the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the intellectual property exchange;

(iii) receiving a first bid from the second party concerning the first interest in the intellectual property asset via the intellectual property exchange; and

(iv) executing a first agreement between the IPIB and the second party so as to transfer the first interest in the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the second party; and

(b) (i) receiving second information regarding the intellectual property asset at the IPIB from the intellectual property exchange;

(ii) providing a second bid from the IPIB to the intellectual property exchange in relation to a third interest in the intellectual property asset, wherein the third interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest;

(iii) executing a second agreement between the IPIB and the first party so as to transfer the third interest in the intellectual property asset from the first party to the IPIB so that the IPIB obtains the third interest in the intellectual property asset; and

(iv) transferring the first interest in the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the second party.